

What is claimed is:

1. A digital camera of the type having the ability to perform at least one function, said digital camera comprising:

a display device; and

5 a first switch having a first operative position and a second operative position, wherein information describing the use of said at least one function is displayable on said display device when said first switch is switched from said first operative position to said  
10 second operative position.

2. The digital camera of claim 1, wherein a list of items is displayable on said display device when said first switch is switched from said first operative position to said second operative position.

3. The digital camera of claim 2, wherein at least one item of said list of items is selectable.

4. The digital camera of claim 2, wherein said list of items is an index is displayable on said display device when said first switch is switched from said first operative position to said second operative position.

5. The digital camera of claim 1 and further comprising a processor and an input device, said processor being operatively connected to said display device and said input device, wherein said input device  
5 is adapted to transmit at least one signal to said processor, and wherein said display device is adapted to display at least one character representative of said at least one signal transmitted to said processor by said input device.

10           6.    The digital camera of claim 1 and further  
              comprising a second switch, said second switch having a  
              first operative position and a second operative position,  
              and the output of said display device being changeable  
15           when said second switch is toggled between said first  
              operative position and said second operative position.

              7.    The digital camera of claim 1 and further  
              comprising a second switch and an illumination device  
              associated with said second switch, said illumination  
              device being illuminable in response to said first switch  
5           switching from said first operative position to said  
              second operative position.

              8.    The digital camera of claim 1 and further  
              comprising an audio device, said audio device being  
              activated when said first switch is switched from said  
              first operative position to said second operative  
5           position.

              9.    A method of obtaining information relating to  
              at least one function associated with a digital camera,  
              said method comprising:

              toggling a first switch associated with said digital  
5           camera; and

              displaying information pertaining to said at least  
              one function associated with said digital camera on a  
              display device associated with said digital camera upon  
              said toggling of said first switch.

              10.   The method of claim 9 and further comprising  
              presenting information relating to said at least one  
              function associated with said digital camera by way of an  
              audio device associated with said digital camera upon  
5           said toggling of said first switch.

11. The method of claim 9, wherein said displaying comprises displaying a list of items and further comprising:

5       selecting one item of said list of items; and  
      displaying information related to said one time of said list of items.

12. The method of claim 9 and further comprising:  
entering at least one character into said digital camera by way of an input device;

5       displaying a list of at least one item corresponding to said at least one character;  
      selecting at least one item of said list; and  
      displaying information pertaining to said at least one item.

13. A method of obtaining information relating to at least one function associated with a digital camera, said method comprising:

5       toggling a first switch associated with said digital camera; and  
      audibly presenting information pertaining to said at least one function associated with said digital camera by way of an audio device associated with said digital camera upon said toggling of said first switch.

14. A digital camera comprising:

5       a first switch having a first operative position and a second operative position;  
      a display device;  
      a computer; and  
      a computer-readable medium operatively associated with said computer, said computer-readable medium containing instructions for controlling said computer and said digital camera by:

10 detecting said first switch being toggled from  
said first operative position to said second  
operative position; and

displaying information on said display device  
pertaining to the operation of said digital camera  
15 upon said detecting of said first switch being  
toggled from said first operative position to said  
second operative position.

15. The digital camera of claim 14 and further  
comprising a second switch and a third switch, wherein  
said displaying information comprises displaying at least  
one item pertaining to the operation of said digital  
5 camera, and wherein said instructions of said computer-  
readable medium further comprise:

detecting toggling of said second switch;  
causing one of said at least one item to be  
displayed highlighted based on said toggling of said  
10 second switch;

detecting toggling said third switch; and  
displaying information on said display device  
pertaining to said one of said at least one item upon  
said detection of said toggling of said third switch.

16. The digital camera of claim 14 and further  
comprising a second switch and wherein said instructions  
of said computer-readable medium further comprise:

detecting toggling of said second switch;  
5 displaying information on said display device  
pertaining to the operation of said second switch.

17. The digital camera of claim 14 and further  
comprising an input device for inputting at least one  
signal to said computer and wherein said instructions of  
said computer-readable medium further comprise:

5 detecting said at least one signal from said input device; and

displaying at least one character on said display device that is representative of said at least one signal.

18. The digital camera of claim 17 wherein said instructions of said computer-readable medium further comprise:

5 displaying at least one item on said display device corresponding to said at least one character.

19. The digital camera of claim 14 and further comprising an audio device and wherein said instructions of said computer-readable medium further comprise transmitting signals to said audio device to cause said  
5 audio device to output audio representative of said information displayed on said display device.

20. A digital camera comprising:

a switch having a first operative position and a second operative position;

5 means for storing information pertaining to at least one function associated with said digital camera; and

means for displaying said information pertaining to said at least one function associated with said digital camera upon said first switch being toggled from said first operative position to said second operative position.